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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Taylor Victor Oh	1625	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 September 2009.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 2,3,5-8,10-23 and 27-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 2,5-8,10-22,27,28 and 30-33 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 3,23 and 29 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>8/28/09</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

In view of the amendment filed on 9/17/09, there is still another issue to be resolved prior to its allowance; the examiner has decided to give another Non-final rejection.

The Status of Claims:

Claims 2-3,5-8,10-23,27-33 are pending.

Claims 3, 23, and 29 are rejected.

Claims 2,5-8,10-22,27-28,30-33 are allowable.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 2-3,5-8,10-23,27-33 are under consideration in this Office Action.

Priority
2. It is noted that this application is a 371 of PCT/GB03/04679(10/31/03), which has a foreign priority document, United Kingdom 0228018.8(11/30/2002).

Drawings
3. None.

Specification

The specification has been objected due to the following reason:

On pages 3-4, 12 and 18, the specification describes the following chemical formula, "C(S)R²⁵ R²⁶". This expression is improper due to the extra bond formation around the carbon atom. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 3 ,23, and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 3 , the chemical formula “C(S)R²⁵ R²⁶ ” is recited. The expression is vague and indefinite because the expression is improper due to the extra bond formation around the carbon atom. Appropriate correction is required.

In claim 23, the phrase “1,2 bis(di-t-pentyl-phosphino)-o-xylene (also known as 1,2 bis(di-t-pentyl-phosphinomethyl)benzene) ” is recited. The chemical terminology inside the parenthesis can be confusing because it is redundant. The examiner recommends to cancel the chemical terminology inside the parenthesis. Therefore, an appropriate correction is required.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Taylor Victor Oh whose telephone number is 571-272-0689. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on 571-272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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